have got the papers with them, in the Council Hall? Jus refer to it.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I must look up whether the resolution is here. The question did not inform me that I should be prepared with this resolution. So, if you want it on another occasion and if you give notice, all these papers will be brought.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I just want him to tell this Council whether he is in possession of the resolution.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—If you cannot understand me,.....

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I can understand only if it is louder.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—If you ask me previously to get that paper here, I can do it. I never thought that that paper is necessary to-day.

Scope and objects of the Legislative Council.

102. Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it proposes to adhere to the sentiments expressed by the Diwan, Rao Bahadur P. Narayana Menon, on the occasion of the inauguration of the First Council, about the scope and objects of the Council, or has the Government adopted any change of policy in the matter?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Government follow and adhere to the policy underlying the Cochin Legislative Council Regulation and Rules framed thereunder and the sentiments expressed by H. H. the Maharaja in His gracious address to the Council at the time of its inauguration.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I find in the answer a distinction made as regards the two parts contained in my question. My question was "whether it proposes to adhere to the sentiments expressed by the Diwan, Rao Bahadur P. Narayana Menon,on the occasion of the inauguration of the First Council, about the scope and objects of the Council, or has the Government adopted any change of policy in the matter." That point has not been answered really. May I know if it is an omission, or if the Government wanted to make any inference? That portion of the question was specifically on that matter.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—The Government thought that the sentiments expressed by Diwan, Mr. Narayana Menon, were only a sort of a running commentary on the gracious utterances of His Highness. Therefore, Government thought it advisable to give prominence to this and not to the other in the answer.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Am I to understand that Gov

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ernment thought the Diwan's running commentary, as the Hon'ble Secretary characterised it, was rather too generous?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I did not catch the point of the Member.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Did the Government think that the running commentary was too generous or unwarranted in any manner?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Government did not concentrate its attention upon that aspect of the point at all, because they had no occasion for it.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The Diwan on that occasion said that this Council would have practically the control of the finances of the State. Did the Government at that time or subsequently think that that was an overstatement or a statement unwarranted by the Regulation and the statement of His Highness?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—It is true even now, (*hear, hear*) as far as the Council Law allows it. We are not making any departure from the law or that practice.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—If that is true, why was any reference made in the answer? The answer is 'Government follow and adhere to the policy underlying the Cochin Legislative Council Regulation and Rules framed thereunder and the sentiments expressed by H. H. the Maharaja in His gracious address to the Council at the time of its inauguration.' I did not ask anything about the sentiments expressed by His Highness, but only the sentiments expressed by the Diwan. How is it that in this question in that written answer no reference whatever is made to my pointed question concerning the Diwan?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I have already answered that point.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I have nothing more to say.

Charge on public revenue on account of the Legislative Council.

103. Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Will the Government be pleased to state what is the total charge on the public revenues on account of the Legislative Council, per year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

1100	..	Rs. 6,972
1101	..	,, 13,503
1102	..	,, 15,973
1103	..	,, 14,710

1104 up to 18th July 1929/3rd Karkadagam 1104 Rs. 14,260.

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